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FOR : EP4 RECEPTOR INHIBITORS TO TREAT RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

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Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.181(a)

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Abandonment, mailed October 3, 2003, the Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the holding of abandonment due to the fact that the above-stated application has not been abandoned.

A review of the file history shows that an Office Action for Restriction Requirement ("Notice") was mailed March 19, 2003. On April 21, 2003, the Applicants responded to the Notice within 1 month from the date of the Notice, by filing a Response to Restriction Requirement. The Applicants' response included a self-addressed stamped postcard. The postcard was returned to the Applicants and stamped as received in the United States Patent & Trademark Office on April 28, 2003. Copies of The Response to Restriction Requirement, three Assignments and Recordation Coversheets, the original postcard and postcard receipt are respectfully submitted and attached hereto.

Based on the foregoing, the Applicants submit that the reply to the Notice was timely and properly filed and respectfully request that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn.

As set forth in § 711.03(c)(I) of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, the Applicant respectfully submits that this petition does not require a fee. However, authorization

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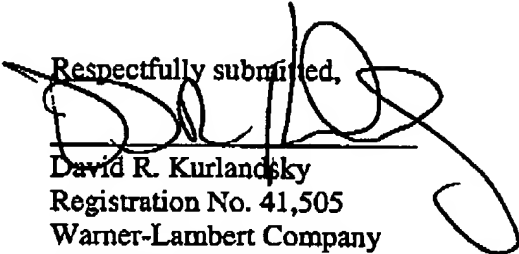
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is given to charge any necessary filing fees and any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 23-0455.

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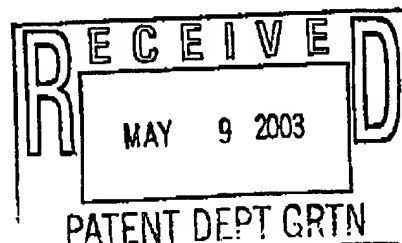
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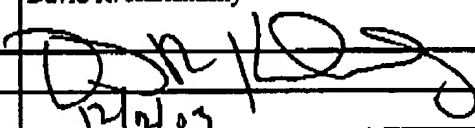
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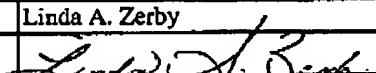
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